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SUBJECT: SOME MP'S URGE INDIA GO NUCLEAR IF PAKISTAN GETS US ARMS

1. SOME MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY URGED THE GOI FEBRUARY 12 TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE UNITED STATES THAT INDIA WOULD BE COMPELLED TO INITIATE A NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM IF THE UNITED STATES AGREED TO RESUME ARMS AID TO PAKISTAN. THE CHIEF SPOKESMEN FOR THIS POINT OF VIEW, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, WERE CONGRESS MP KRISHAN KANT AND SOCIALIST MP SAMAR GUHA. THE MINISTER FOR ENERGY, K.C. PANT, WHO PRESIDED OVER THE SESSION, TOLD MEMBERS PLEADING FOR THIS COURSE THAT PARLIAMENT WAS THE PROPER FORUM IN WHICH TO RAISE THE MATTER. PANT SAID THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF INDIA'S DEVIATING FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF PEACEFUL USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY.

2. IN REPLYING TO QUESTIONS FROM OTHER MP'S, THE CHAIRMAN OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, H.N. SETHNA, REPORTEDLY TOLD

THE MEMBERS THAT IT WOULD TAKE PAKISTAN EIGHT TO NINE YEARS TO DEVELOP AN EXPLOSIVE ATOMIC DEVICE. SETHNA ALSO SAID THAT PAKISTAN WAS NOT SETTING UP A PILOT PLANT TO TREAT 1,000 LBS OF URANIUM ORE PER DAY FROM THE DERA ISMAIL KHAN DEPOSIT IN THE NORTH WESTERN FRONTIER PROVINCE. IN SIX YEARS PAKISTAN COULD PRODUCE FUEL ELEMENTS, BUT IT WOULD ALSO NEED A HEAVY WATER PLANT, PLUTONIUM PLANT, A REACTOR, AND A PLUTONIUM PROCESSING PLANT BEFORE IT COULD PRODUCE NUCLEAR FUELS FOR THE PURPOSES OF AN EXPLOSION. SETHNA SAID IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT PAKISTAN WAS NEGOTIATING WITH FRANCE AND WEST GERMANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF A HEAVY WATER PLANT.

3. KANT HAS BEEN OUTSPOKEN IN HIS ADVOCACY OF A NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM FOR INDIA. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME, HOWEVER, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THAT THE SUGGESTION THAT INDIA BEGIN A WEAPONS PROGRAM HAS BEEN LINKED TO THE QUESTION OF US ARMS FOR PAKISTAN. SCHNEIDER

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